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NATIONALS TAKE LONG TRIP AFTER SERIES WITH WHITE SOX

Team Hopes to Retain Sixth Place While Away—Moyer's Debut Did Not Give Line on His Ability.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Sixth place, which the Nationals gained with their victory over the Naps yesterday, is not the team's only ambition. Every member of the Nationals wants to get one position higher, and with this end in view they will work hard to win a majority of the games to be played on the home grounds before they start on their next trip.

Manager McAleer is undecided who he will pitch against the Naps this afternoon. He may send Groom right back, for he believes that if his tall twirler starts right he will make easy work of the visitors. Then, too, he may decide to let Moyer start a game, and if Dixie Walker feels that he can go the route he will be pitched. But if it is found that the four innings Walter Johnson pitched yesterday have not affected him he may be sent in to clinch a victory over the Naps, for the Cleveland batters have always been at the Idaho wonder's mercy.

There are but seven more games to be played on the local grounds before the Nationals start on another long trip—one this afternoon with Cleveland and six with Chicago. Then come four games in Philadelphia, after which the team swings around the western circuit, returning here August 15. It will require good work to hold sixth place during that long stay away from home.

"Doc" Moyer's debut was not auspicious and yet it proved absolutely nothing. He pitched to Turner, Lajoie and Emsie and every one of them hit safely. That in itself is an unusual performance, which would not be a certainty even with a boy pitching. Just happened that every ball the visitors hit off Moyer went safe. Notwithstanding the fact that he was taken out after these hits were made off of him, he created a very good impression with the crowd. His delivery is snappy and he seemed to have something on the ball, and he moves about and handles himself as if he knew what was out there. Moyer is sure to give a much better account of himself the next time out.

To which of the three pitchers that McAleer used in yesterday's game should the victory be credited? When Schaefer batted for Groom in the fifth inning the score stood 3 to 2 in favor of Cleveland, so that the Nationals were behind when Groom was eliminated. When Moyer came in the score stood 7 to 3 in favor of Washington and it was under these conditions that Johnson came into the game and stopped the scoring.

Of course the public would agree to give Johnson credit for the victory because his pitching was of the winning kind, but he had a three-run lead when he came into the game. Groom certainly is not entitled to the victory, because his team was a run behind when he got out of it, and Moyer certainly does not deserve any credit for the part he played in it.

Inasmuch as there is no set rule governing the crediting of victories to pitchers, the game may be given to Groom on the theory that there was no other pitcher in the game when Washington took the lead in the fifth, Schaefer merely performing at the plate for Groom. But inasmuch as Groom had been eliminated from the game when the Nationals took the lead, and under these conditions the game was really saved by Johnson, he deserves the credit, though it is questionable whether he will get it.

Clyde Milan's catch in the fifth inning yesterday, which ended the game, was not so remarkable as the amount of ground Milan covered. He was playing a little to the left of direct center when the ball was hit in the direction of the clubhouse, and it seems difficult to figure how he ever got within reach of it, for he was not a high fly, but a line drive.

Milan is playing really wonderful ball these days. He is not only keeping up his usual pace in the outfield, but he is doing wonderful inside work. In the three games against Cleveland Milan has reached first base twelve times, made six hits and scored five runs. It is questionable whether there is another player in the country who is more valuable to lead off a batting order than Milan. He is always getting on the bases by some means or other, and once on he is difficult to make out. There is no doubt that aside from Cobb and Speaker, Milan is the best outfielder in the league, and he is young and still improving.

If there was any doubt as to Beckendorf's ability to handle Walter Johnson's delivery it was eliminated during the closing innings of yesterday's game. Beckendorf did not seem to be bothered in the least by Johnson's terrific speed. In fact, he caught him in masterly fashion, and then pitched to him with confidence. Now that it has been proven that Beckendorf can handle Johnson's team is not as badly handicapped as was supposed by reason of Street's injury.

Just as soon as Walter Johnson walked on the rubber, after three consecutive hits had been made off Moyer, the Naps were through. They were in a rather jubilant mood when the hits were ringing off Moyer, but they were quiet as lambs when Johnson made his appearance.

Walter was in his best form, too, for he allowed but thirteen men to face him in the four innings, and the only hit made off him was a run-scoring single by Perring. It was only in the sixth inning, when there were two on the bases as a result of Moyer's experience and none out, that Walter cut loose at top speed, with the result that he fanned two of the three men who faced him. He took it comparatively easy during the remainder of the game, for he had a comfortable lead.

And words of praise are due Wild Conroy. When you stop to think of it, there are few veterans who have been of considerable service to the team this year. He has filled in in various positions and has always made good, and his hitting, while not sensational, has been a clip that has held. There is not a lot of fuss about Conroy, but he attends to his own affairs very well, and all things considered, is a pretty handy fellow to have around.

Lajoie's error cut a large figure in that game. It was his boot of Milan's grounder which resulted in a run in the third inning, and when he allowed Beckendorf's grounder to get through him the fifth he started a rally which was the Naps' game. It is not often that Lajoie errs, but when he does they are usually costly.

The Cleveland system of playing the game has not changed in recent years. The team still insists on violating every rule of base ball, and this may explain its rather poor position in the race as much as anything else. In the fourth inning yesterday Graney walked and was sacrificed by Turner, bringing Lajoie up to bat on second and this league's best batter up one would not expect any play but to allow Lajoie to hit. Instead, however, Lajoie got two strikes on himself, and then the hit-and-run play was tried, with the result that Lajoie had to hit at a ball several feet outside, and struck out. Just why a batter of Lajoie's prowess should be handicapped by playing the hit-and-run game thus taking a chance of forcing him to hit at a bad ball, when he could wait for what he wanted, is hard to understand.

Joe Birmingham undoubtedly earns the distinction of being the greatest throwing outfielder in the American League. Birmingham had two opportunities to display his wonderful arm in the game yesterday, and he cut down two base runners that the average outfielder would not have attempted to make a throw on. In the third inning, with Conroy on second, Gessler hit a long fly to right center. Birmingham made the catch, but he was out so far that Conroy figured he could reach third easily after the ball was caught. Birmingham threw him out by feet. In the eighth inning Gessler attempted to score from second base on Lajoie's base hit to left center, but Birmingham came in, scooped up the ball with one hand and made a perfect throw to the plate which nailed Gessler. The beauty of Birmingham's throwing is that he keeps the ball low and has terrific force behind it.

Mitchell, Harkness and Koestner should in course of time make Jim McGuire three valuable pitchers. They all have the size and plenty of stuff, but need experience badly. By working them regularly during the rest of the season McGuire hopes to make them winners by next spring.

Following the Naps here come the Chicago White Sox for a series of six games Friday. There are four regularly scheduled games and two postponed from the last trip, which will necessitate the playing of two doubleheaders which, incidentally, is going to be a hard strain on the Nationals' pitching staff. But these games will give the locals a chance to play Cleveland in the race, for the Naps will be over in Philadelphia fighting the leaders, and the Nationals certainly figure to take more games from the Sox than the Naps do from the Athletics.

Both teams rallied in the fifth inning yesterday, but a great catch by Milan stopped the visitors after they had scored two runs and taken the lead. Then the locals clinched the game by scoring five runs on Lajoie's error of Beckendorf's grounder, safe hits by Schaefer and Milan, a pass to Lelievre and hits by Conroy, Gessler and Lajoie. The score tells the rest of it.

WASHINGTON. A. R. B. S. H. S. B. F. O. A. E.
Milan, C. 2 3 1 0 0 0 1 3 1 1
Lelievre, P. 3 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0
Groom, P. 3 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0
Gessler, R. 3 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 0
Milan, 2b. 4 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
Beckendorf, c. 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 0
Graney, 1b. 4 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
Groom, p. 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0
Moyer, p. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Johnson, p. 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0
Schaefer, 3b. 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Totals.....30 8 3 8 1 3 4 27 15 7
Cleveland won by 3 runs.

CLEVELAND. A. R. B. S. H. S. B. F. O. A. E.
Niles, P. 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Graney, P. 3 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
Turner, 3b. 3 1 0 1 0 0 1 2 0 0
Groom, 2b. 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Lajoie, 1b. 4 1 2 0 0 1 0 2 2 0
Beckendorf, c. 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0
Milan, 2b. 3 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0
Perring, 3b. 4 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0
Moyer, p. 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Johnson, p. 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Totals.....33 4 9 0 2 4 12 13 2
Batted for Groom in 5th.
Washington.....1 0 1 0 5 0 0 1 3
Cleveland.....0 1 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 4
Two-base hits: Lajoie, Beckendorf, Groom, 5th. Off Moyer, 3; off Johnson, 1. Sacrifices: Graney, 1; Lajoie, 1. Left on base: Washington, 4; Cleveland, 3. First base on errors—Washington, 2; Cleveland, 1. Wild pitch—Mitchell. Umpire, Mr. Perrine. Time of game—1 hour and 50 minutes.

STANDINGS, SCHEDULES AND RESULTS IN BIG BASE BALL LEAGUES

American League.				
Teams.	W.	L.	Pct.	Win.
Philadelphia..	55	24	.696	709
New York....	48	32	.600	605
Boston.....	49	33	.598	602
Detroit.....	45	39	.536	541
Cleveland....	34	41	.453	461
Washington..	32	48	.400	407
Chicago.....	31	48	.392	400
St. Louis.....	24	53	.312	321

National League.				
Teams.	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Chicago.....	50	29	.633	.638
New York....	45	32	.577	.582
Pittsburgh....	41	34	.547	.552
Cincinnati....	42	39	.519	.524
Philadelphia..	37	40	.481	.487
St. Louis....	36	45	.444	.451
Brooklyn....	34	46	.425	.432
Boston.....	22	51	.386	.393

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

American League.

Washington.....	8	Detroit.....	2
Cleveland.....	4	Boston.....	3
New York.....	2	Philadelphia.....	0
St. Louis.....	1	Chicago.....	2

National League.

Boston.....	3	Chicago.....	1
Pittsburgh.....	2	Brooklyn.....	0
Cincinnati.....	6	Philadelphia.....	11
New York.....	5	St. Louis.....	2

SCHEDULES.

American League.

TODAY.	TOMORROW.
Cleveland at Wash., Wash. at Phila., Phila. at St. Louis, St. Louis at New York, New York at Detroit, Detroit at Boston.	Chicago at Washington, Cleveland at Philadelphia, St. Louis at Boston, Boston at New York, New York at Detroit, Detroit at Philadelphia.

National League.

TODAY.	TOMORROW.
Boston at Chicago, Chicago at Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh at Brooklyn, Brooklyn at Philadelphia, Philadelphia at Cincinnati, Cincinnati at St. Louis, St. Louis at New York, New York at Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh at Detroit, Detroit at Cleveland, Cleveland at Philadelphia.	Boston at Chicago, Chicago at Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh at Brooklyn, Brooklyn at Philadelphia, Philadelphia at Cincinnati, Cincinnati at St. Louis, St. Louis at New York, New York at Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh at Detroit, Detroit at Cleveland, Cleveland at Philadelphia.

MINOR LEAGUE GAMES.

Virginia State League.

At Roanoke—First game: Petersburg, 6; Roanoke, 2. Second game: Roanoke, 2; Petersburg, 1.	At Danville—Danville, 4; Lynchburg, 1.	At Norfolk—Richmond, 4; Norfolk, 3.
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American Association.

At Indianapolis—Minneapolis, 4; Indianapolis, 2.	At Columbus—Columbus, 4; Kansas City, 10.	At Toledo—Toledo, 3; Milwaukee, 2.
At Louisville—Louisville, 7; St. Paul, 8.		

Eastern League.

At Toronto—Jersey City, 5; Toronto, 6. Second game: Jersey City, 1; Toronto, 7.	At Montreal—Newark, 6; Montreal, 5.	At Buffalo—Providence, 6; Buffalo, 15.
At Rochester—Baltimore, 1; Rochester, 7.		

Southern League.

At Birmingham—Birmingham, 3; Nashville, 1.	At New Orleans—New Orleans, 1; Atlanta, 0.	At Montgomery—Memphis, 5; Montgomery, 3.
At Mobile—Mobile, 4; Chattanooga, 1.		

Carolina Association.

At Charlotte—Anderson, 2; Charlotte, 0.	At Spartanburg—Spartanburg, 2; Greenville, 1.	At Winston-Salem—Winston-Salem, 10; Greenville, 3.
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South Atlantic League.

At Columbus—Columbus, 2; Jacksonville, 1.	At Augusta—Augusta, 1; Augusta, 0.	At Macon—Macon, 3; Savannah, 5.
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Other American League Games.

Tigers Win at Last.

BOSTON, July 21.—Detroit broke Boston's winning streak yesterday by defeating the Red Sox in a hard fought eleven-inning game, 3 to 2. Errors by Tris Speaker and Stahl were followed each time by runs for Detroit. Cobb got three hits, one a double, and he stole two bases. Score:

Detroit.....	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	14
Boston.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

Athletics Keep Up Pace.

PHILADELPHIA, July 21.—The Athletics won their third straight game from Chicago yesterday, 2 to 0. Coombs kept Chicago's hits scattered, while both of the home team's runs were due to bases on balls. In the second inning Scott gave three bases on balls in succession, and Young, who succeeded him, forced in a runner with another base on balls. Score:

Athletics.....	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	7	0
Chicago.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6

Laporte Wins a Game.

NEW YORK, July 21.—The timely hitting of Laporte enabled New York to defeat St. Louis yesterday, 2 to 1, in a game that lasted ten innings. He knocked a home run in the fourth and in the tenth scored Walter from second with a long single. Score:

New York.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	11
St. Louis.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1

WILL CLASH IN HARD SIX-ROUND STRUGGLE

Sam Langford and Al Kaufman to Mix It Up in the Quaker City.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 21.—Harry Edwards of the National Athletic Club, Joe Woodman of Boston, manager of Sam Langford, and Bob Deady, representing Al Kaufman, met yesterday and matched the Frisco heavyweight and the famous "Tar Baby" for a six-round bout here in August.

Langford is at Northboro, training, while Kaufman is on his way east. The men were matched to meet in Frisco, but Gov. Gillett stopped the bout. Woodman left Philadelphia yesterday for New York, where he will post \$20,000 for a match with Langford against Jack Johnson, all to go as a side bet. Billy Gibson of New York, Tom McLeary of Los Angeles and a heavy more, have wired Woodman for a slice of his side bet, but Woodman may only allow Gibson to have a chunk.

"I know that Langford can beat Johnson, and Johnson knows it, too," said Woodman. "But I shall call his bluff. I will post the money either tomorrow or the next day, and then it will be up to Mister Champ to come across and make good. I don't believe that he will take up the bet, however, and am sure that he will let some loophole to crawl out of meeting Sam."

"Johnson will never forget that fifteen-round fight in Boston. Sam was only a little fellow then, being at least fifty pounds lighter than Johnson, still in the last two rounds he had Jack hanging on for dear life and stalling to stay the limit. Since that fight Sam has taken on a lot of weight and is about ten times as good as he was then."

"Well, it will all be up to Mr. Johnson in a couple of days. I don't believe that Kaufman will give Sam any trouble, and while Al is a big, tough fellow, I would be surprised if Sam put him away inside of six rounds, although that would be a tough job. Say, if Sam should stop Kaufman in a couple of rounds, this earth wouldn't be big enough for Johnson. He would try to rent an airship and fly away to some unheard of place."

SPORTING COMMENT.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

There is perhaps not a team in either of the major leagues that is in the position it may occupy in the race, that does not possess the nucleus for a winning ball team. Some of those far down in the race may have a better chance to advance themselves than others, because less is needed to make them winners, but of all of these teams it is extremely doubtful if there is one which requires fewer changes to make it a first-division team than the Nationals.

McAleer has a big nucleus, but the fact that he does not need a great deal to make the team a winner and a first-division factor assures nothing, for often it is just as hard to get a missing link between a loser and a winner as it is to organize an entirely new team.

He has an advantage in that he has several positions as well taken care of as it would be possible for any other team. McBride at short and Street behind the bat are three stars in their respective positions, and there is Johnson around whom it should not be difficult to build a great pitching staff. But the lack of a catcher is a serious handicap. It was high time that someone was realized that nothing is to be gained by kicking on decisions of the umpire. Once made the stand and the heart of the nucleus. There are others whose places will not easily be filled. As matters now stand, McAleer must be sure that he has improved a position before he makes any changes. Changes which are made for the mere sake of making them do not help a ball team, though the disgruntled fans frequently shriek for them.

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other hand, the players who are stars and are about the same every day are those who get little or nothing in midday. A ball player's diet is much more important than the average players think it is.

Salwe proved too much for Tartakower, who made a slip and lost the game in short order, while Tartakower did not come up to expectations, Schlechter winning in fine style. The other results were: Jacob lost to Yates. Speller went down before Alekhine, who, by the way, is a youth of only eighteen years; Koehnlein suffered defeat at the hands of John. Chortimski lost to Tschann and Leonhardt to Niemzowitsch, while Spielmann and Duras drew their games.

After years of abuse it affected his playing and particularly his batting eyes, and he found that he could no longer hold his own in fast company.

But Fick is not the only blundering player there who is careless about their defense. There are players who think they can eat a hearty meal and then play in a broiling sun. These players are usually the ones who usually have a whole lot of off days and can't explain why it is that they are not there.

MARSHALL WINS A GAME.

There is a standing at date follows:

Won.	Lost.	Won.	Lost.	
Schlechter.....	3	0	Spielmann.....	15
Salwe.....	2	5	Tartakower.....	15
Niemzowitsch.....	2	1	Chortimski.....	15
Alekhine.....	2	1	Fogacz.....	15
Duras.....	15	15	John.....	1
Leonhardt.....	15	15	Koehnlein.....	1
Marshall.....	15	15	Tschann.....	15
Speller.....	15	15	Tarnasch.....	15

The players will face each other in the fourth round as follows: Niemzowitsch vs. Spielmann, Teichmann vs. Leonhardt, John vs. Chortimski, Alekhine vs. Koehnlein, Yates vs. Speller and Tartakower vs. Duras.

Beats Tarrasch, the German Champion, at Chess.

HAMBURG, July 21.—Frank J. Marshall, the American champion, won his

SPIDER MCCOOL AND ROBINSON MATCHED

VALLEJO, Cal., July 21.—"Spider" McCool of the cruiser Maryland and Bart Robinson, the colored pride of California, have signed articles for a twenty-round battle August 6 for the middle-weight championship of the American navy. The fight will occur aboard either the California or Maryland, which are in dry dock here. McCool won the championship from Robinson in seven rounds about two months ago.

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HAMBURG, July 21.—Frank J. Marshall, the American champion, won his game in the third round of the interna-

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